

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 May 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE13/0163) PROGRAM – 4.2: Onshore Detention Network

Senator Abetz (L&CA 96) asked:

Senator ABETZ: But does that MOU say that there is a base fee and then an extra payment is to be made for every disturbance, for every police call-out or for the number of police called? It would be easier if we could just get a copy of the MOU.

Mr Cahill: My understanding is that the MOU has a provision for them to be able to respond to incidents at the detention centre. That is my understanding, but I will take that on notice.

Answer:

Under the MOU, Tasmania Police are paid a fixed fee for the provision of policing services to immigration detention facilities. The fixed fee includes incident responses. Tasmania Police may also receive reimbursement for additional reasonable costs where it can be shown that the costs incurred by Tasmania Police are in addition to the capability funded through the fixed fee arrangements.